



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 2, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: **Santa Maria Levee Corridor Study Grant, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution to approve the award of a \$40,000 Coastal Conservancy grant to study the Santa Maria Levee Corridor; and to accept the grant funding upon execution of the grant agreement;
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute a grant agreement with the Coastal Conservancy for the Santa Maria Levee Corridor project in a form substantially similar to the Standard Agreement attached hereto, upon concurrence from County Counsel and the Auditor controller, and to execute related forms and certifications required to fulfill the terms and conditions of the approved grant agreement; and
- c) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making), and will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to adopt a Resolution to approve the award of a \$40,000 grant from the Coastal Conservancy to study the Santa Maria Levee Corridor for potential trail use. Grant funds are matched with Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds of \$40,000. The scope includes evaluating the potential for improving the levee to continue the Santa Maria bike path on the east end of the levee to the Guadalupe area. It includes creating estimates for costs, as well as evaluating potential impacts of the project and identifying issue areas that need to be addressed if a project were to be implemented.

Background:

A bicycle and pedestrian path currently runs along the south side of the Santa Maria Levee in the City of Santa Maria, and terminates at the city limits. A continuous path from the current terminus west to the City of Guadalupe would provide access for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel to Guadalupe without using the current connection along a narrow section of State Route 166. Stakeholder groups advocated for improvements along this corridor, and it is included in the 2015 Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Regional Bicycle Plan. This grant would allow the County to study the corridor to identify and evaluate issues that need to be addressed if the project were implemented, and to create cost estimates for a project, if implemented.

Santa Maria Levee Trail Study
 SITE-SCALE MAP



Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	TOTAL
Coastal Conservancy Grant	\$40,000
TDA	\$40,000
Total	\$80,000

Narrative:

This work will be programmed in Fund 0015. Matching funds are available from Transportation Development Act Funding.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the following to Gail Ocheltree Public Works - Transportation, 568-3094:

- A stamped, certified Minute Order approving the recommendations
- One duplicate original of the executed Resolution

Upon board approval, the Director of Public Works will sign the Standard Agreement and send to Coastal Conservancy for execution. Public Works will return one fully executed original Agreement to the Clerk of the Board upon receipt from the Coastal Conservancy.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution to Accept the Coastal Conservancy Grant and Designate Authority (2 duplicate originals)

Attachment B: Grant Application

Attachment C: Standard Agreement

Authored By:

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